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SUBJ: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECT: THE LOGAR AIRPORT

1. OVER A YEAR AGO THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN LOGAR, ABOUT FORTY KILOMETERS SOUTH OF KABUL. SINCE THAT TIME, THE AFGHANS HAVE BEEN SEEKING A SOURCE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AIRPORT WHICH WILL PROBABLY COST ABOUT DOLS 50 MILLION TO BUILD. CATIDA HAS OFFERED DOLS 4.2 MILLION FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING STUDIES AND THE IBRD DOLS 6.0 MILLION TOWARD CONSTRUCTION PROVIDED THAT FINANCING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COSTS CW BE FOUND.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE IBRD AND A SAUDI DIPLOMAT IN KABUL THAT THE AFGHANS RECENTLY APPROACHED THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR A DOLS 50 MILLION LOAN. THE BANK REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO MATCH THE IBRD'S CONTRIBUTION OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS. THE GOA HAS NOW APPARENTLY DECIDED TO RENEW THEIR REQUEST TO THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR A LARGER LOAN AND ALSO PLAN TO APPROACH SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT FOR BILATERAL FINANCING.

3. COMMENT: ASSUMING THE AFGHANS ARE EVENTUALLY ABLE TO ORGANIZE A FINANCIAL PACKAGE FOR TSE CONSTRUCTION OF LOGAR
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AIRPORT, THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. COMPANIES. HOWEVER, A CANADIAN COMPANY DID THE ORIGINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE AIRPORT, AND THE CANADIANS RETAIN A STRONG INTEREST IN THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE.
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